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Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 Twelfth St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: Notice of Ex Parte Presentation:  
Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service,  
CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On Monday, February 13th in Washington, D.C., I met with Billy Jack Gregg, a member of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, and made an ex parte presentation.

We discussed a myriad of issues within the context of the ongoing "rural basis of support" proceeding being deliberated by the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service. There were no written materials distributed.

If you have any questions, then please contact me at 425-586-8736.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Jim Blundell', is written over the typed name and title.

Jim Blundell  
Vice President, Public Policy  
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cc: Billy Jack Gregg